



FACT SHEET



U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet The Judge Advocate General's Corps

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

History

The Judge Advocate General's Corps and the Air Force General Counsel rely on information technology to perform their functions and to ensure the flow of vital information throughout the Air Force legal community. The lead office for providing the required IT services and resources is the Air Force Legal Services Agency, Directorate of Legal Information Services (JAS). The same office also provides electronic research and web hosting for other Federal Agencies as Executive Agent for DoD. It has been in existence for approximately 40 years.



Duties

JAS is responsible for: developing and managing the Federal Legal Information Through Electronics (FLITE) computer-assisted research system, Defense Emergency Authorities Retrieval and Analysis System (DEARAS), WebMAG Magistrate's Court System, Area Defense Electronic Reporting (ADER), the Armed Forces Claims Information Management System (AFCIMS), the Automated Military Justice Analysis and Management System (AMJAMS), the Web-based Administrative Separation Program (WASP), the Suspense system, the Roster system, the Web-based Legal Assistance On-Line System (WebLIONS), the Networked Resource Allocation and Management System, (NetRAMS) system, the Judge Advocate Distance Education system (JADE), the Document Management system, the Case Management system, and systems to support the Air Force Judge Advocate General's School (AFJAGS). It also provides centralized hardware and software acquisition for the JAG Corps. Details on each function are given below.

FLITE (Federal Legal Information Thru Electronics) maintains databases of legal and related information having research value within the Federal Government and provides computer-assisted research services to all entities of the DoD. FLITE began operation in the early 1960s providing the first legal databases in the US with full text search capabilities. FLITE, now on the World Wide Web as WebFLITE, provides state of the art ease in searching for information both within its own databases and within a wide variety of commercial and Internet sources. WebFLITE also hosts Web sites of other federal agencies and assists in the development of those sites.

DEARAS (Defense Emergency Authorities Retrieval and Analysis System) is operated by the Air Force as Executive Agent for the Department of Defense. The system is focused on legal authorities related to national emergencies and a collection of international agreements and supporting documentation. It is distributed to users for use with portable computers and via the SIPRNET.

AFCIMS (Armed Forces Claims Information Management System) assists judge advocate offices from the installation level to Air Force headquarters level in managing the processing and resolution of claims by and against the Air Force. Installation level offices use AFCIMS in the full range of processing, adjudicating and tracking claims. AFCIMS automates forms generation, funds tracking, suspense dates and provides web-based queries and standard reports.

WEBMAG (Web-based Magistrate Court System) assists judge advocate offices at the installation level with managing cases arising under the Magistrates Court program.

A.D.E.R. (Area Defense Electronic Reporting) The Area Defense Electronic Reporting Database application, currently under development, is designed to assist ADC offices in documenting and keeping track of their cases, both local and referred.

AMJAMS (Automated Military Justice Analysis and Management System) assists judge advocate offices from installation to headquarters levels in the management of military justice actions from investigation through the appeal process. It provides a central Air Force database detailing the status of such actions and provides a subset of that data to the DIBRS system to support DoD-wide reports. It also has an interface with the Personnel database and will have an interface with the Security Forces database. AMJAMS provides web-based queries and standard reports.

WASP (Web-based Administrative Separation Program) assists judge advocate offices from the installation level to Air Force headquarters level in managing and processing administrative discharge actions. It provides a database detailing the status of such actions. WASP produces standardized monthly reports available electronically worldwide. Installation users utilize the World Wide Web to enter and track information.

Suspense is a web-based application that assists judge advocate offices from installation to headquarters levels to create and track suspenses from within their office as well as suspenses from different offices. In addition, it allows suspenses to be tasked and tracked up and down the chain of command and laterally among offices. Overdue and pending suspenses can be viewed in easy-to-read reports.

Roster and Arcade are web-based applications that facilitate the management of JAG Corps personnel, including ARC personnel. They support officer assignments and appraisals, control of FLITE and Lexis accounts, preferred e-mail lists, control of office equipment, readiness for deployments, handy people and expert finder features, management of course nomination and completions, directory services, and many other functions.

WebLIONS (Web-based Legal Information On-Line System) is a means for managing legal assistance appointments and information in real-time, around the globe and for generating the Annual Report of Legal Assistance.

NetRAMS (Networked Resource Allocation and Management System) is a web based program to manage computer and library resources. Yearly JAS spends nearly four million dollars buying law books, computer equipment and electronic legal research for field offices. JAS uses NetRAMS to determine what each office has and what needs replacing or reordering.

JADE (Judge Advocate Distance Education) provides the capability to develop and launch distance education training modules and provides courseware development tools to instructors and subject matter experts so that they can develop, deliver and track highly interactive web-based training programs using minimal programming skills. The goal is match rapid eLearning development with an organic learning

management system that allows the Air Force JAG Corps to provide important “just-in-time” training to attorneys and paralegals in the field.

Document Management. JAS provides a web-based document and content management system to provide global information management to all levels of command. DocuShare enables all levels of command to dynamically collaborate, capture, manage, retrieve, and distribute information in a wide variety of electronic formats.

Case Management. This system will manage all litigation information and processes. It will include integration with Outlook, electronic research, and Document Management.

Project Tracking System is a web-based system for keeping track of ongoing projects. It notifies project officers when their projects are modified by managers, notifies managers when new projects are initiated or projects are completed, and provides useful status information for office meetings.

Patent Tracking Program was designed for the Secretary of the Air Force General Counsel’s office. It allows users to manage, search, view, and edit Licensees, Patents, Licenses, Inventors, Labs, and royalty payments.

AFJAG School Support. JAS develops programs to support registration, management, and grading for courses offered by the AFJAG School. Records of completed training are automatically stored in the Roster database.

Centralized Acquisition. Finally, JAS centrally acquires office automation hardware, software, and print libraries for more than 300 Air Force JAG offices. The goal is to provide a state of the art Desktop computing capability for every member of the Corps. These purchases include commercial computer assisted legal research such as LEXIS and print media for law libraries. The well-defined purchase plans and large centralized acquisitions have allowed the Corps to achieve significant savings.

AF Portal and other outreach JAS is also responsible for providing JAG Corps applications for the AF Portal and for hosting web sites serving many agencies and functions including web sites for NASA General Counsel, the US Court of Criminal Appeals, the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, USAF Class A Aerospace Mishap Reports, Joint Legal Assistance, Boards of Correction of Military Records and Discharge Review Boards for the all services.

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